



James M. "Jim" Tanner

April 5, 1957 - August 28, 2020

James M. "Jim" Tanner, 63, of Mason City passed away Friday, August 28, 2020.

Jim's family will host a Celebration of his Life on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the All Vets Center in Mason City, 1603 S. Monroe Ave., Mason City. Jim's nephew, Eddie May will lead a short service at 2:00 pm, followed by military honors conducted by the Mason City Veterans Honor Guard.

Condolences may be directed to Jim's family in care of Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St NE, Mason City.

The son of Ervin and Lucille (Kemmerick) Tanner, James Merle was born on April 5, 1957. Born and raised in Mason City, he attended and graduated from Mason City High School and attended North Iowa Area Community College.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and following his honorable discharge joined the Iowa National Guard, where he served for 20 years. During his time in the 1133rd Transportation Company Jim served in Operation Desert Shield/Storm and traveled to Korea with the Iowa National Guard.

On June 1, 1985 Jim was united in marriage to Rhonda May at the Little Brown Church in Nashua after being introduced to one another by their mutual friend, Marcia. Together Jim and Rhonda celebrated 35 years of marriage, love, and laughter.

Always a man on the go, Jim spent his free time bowling, golfing, playing softball, and even managed the senior softball league. He had the gift of gab and loved visiting with friends and neighbors. A true kid at heart, Jim could always be found at family get togethers playing with the younger kids rather than visiting with the adults! He was a devoted grandfather and uncle and loved sharing the company of his nieces, nephews, granddaughters and great granddaughters. He anxiously awaited October and the arrival of his first great grandson.

For many years Jim worked for Curries Manufacturing in Mason City and most recently at Diamond Jo Casino in Northwood. He dedicated countless hours to volunteering with the IOOF Home, calling Bingo and playing cards with the residents. Jim will be fondly remembered for the strawberry bed he planted so the residents could enjoy fresh strawberries.

Those grateful in sharing in Jim's life are his wife, Rhonda; daughter, Mandy (Ryan) Dawson, Rocklin, CA; granddaughters, Samantha (Mitchell) Hardy, Emily (Brent) Stoffer and their daughters, Aubrie and Hannah, and Tara (Edward) Janka and their expected son; siblings, Jean (Wade) Bonjour, Dows, Don Tanner, Mason City, and Rose Hanson, Manly; and sister and brother in law, Barbara Anderson, Chandler, AZ, Edgar May, Jr., Mason City, and Jeff (Rufina) May, New York. Jim will also be greatly missed by his neighbors and close friends, Dylan and Amanda Kelley; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and his many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Lucille Tanner; his brother, Bruce Tanner; and his in laws, Edgar, Sr. and Bonnie May.

Comments



“ Jim was a pleasure to work with and always offered a friendly greeting! Condolences to the family! Rest in peace, Jim!

Alyssa Slattum - 3 hours ago



“ Jim was a special man and when my mom (Darlene brackey) was in the loof home he was a devoted visititor who always had a cheery smile and good conversation. When I was down visiting my mom he always remembered me. Growing up with Rhonda we had something to talk about. He was proud of his strawberries. He will be missed by many. My sympathy to rhonda and their family.
Cheryl (smith) ostercamp

Cheryl ostercamp - 6 hours ago



“ Rhonda, Jean, Don and Rose

I was shocked to hear about JT he was my cousin and fellow member of the 1133 Trans Com. we wanted to Desert shield/Desert storm together. But most important of all of the Tanner cousins we were the closest with his family when growing up..His happy and smiling face will be missed by all.

Walt Tanner Jr. (Cous)

Walt Tanner - September 11 at 05:55 PM



“ To Rhonda, Jean, Don, and Rose

I am sorry for your family`s lost..I didnt get a chance in my life to get to Know my cousin Jim,But all that I am reading he is a wonderful and a very caring man My prayers go out to all of you in this time of need. My god lay upon all of you a peaceful comfort ..



David Cuellar - September 10 at 06:38 PM



“ Rose, Don, and Family:

Sad to see "Big Jim" here, as Shaun & I were just talking about some of the good old times in the North End. As a little kid it was always great being able to "pick first" since we knew that picking him was guaranteeing a home run almost everytime. He would knock it out of the North 40 easily. I know he was a great big brother to many of us.

Surely will be missed.

Love,

John Snyder

John Snyder - September 09 at 05:58 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss of Jim. He's my cousin and was always so good about bringing his mother to visit my parents in Austin. He always had a smile, laugh, and story to tell. He will be missed. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Sheila Brownlow

Sheila Brownlow - September 07 at 02:25 PM



“ To Rhonda, Jean, Don, and Rose:

I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. All of you have my deepest sympathies and condolences.

Dennis Orpen
Chandler, AZ

Dennis Orpen - September 07 at 01:22 AM



“ What a caring and loving man Jim was! We will never forget all the fun times he made for mom and all the other residents at the IOOF home playing cards, calling bingo or just chatting. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Barb Soland - September 06 at 09:15 PM



“ RIP JIM CONDOLENCES TO THE TANNER FAMILY

Michael Johnson - September 05 at 07:47 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences . It was an honor to serve with you in the 1133rd and call you friend..Rest in Peace Jim

Jolene Fehr McClaren - September 04 at 03:04 PM



“ sorry to hear of the loss of a good friend and soldier i served many years with jim in the 1133rd and i could always depend on him to get the job done what ever it was we were tasked to do we had many good trips together from hauling hay to desert storm i salute you jim untill we meet again

john warburton - September 04 at 02:38 PM



“ "Hey JT, we served together in the 1133rd Trans Co: many AT's, the world's largest sand box, Korea, played softball, helped each other move a time or two and were friends.

Keep the coffee warm, soda's cold, beer colder - engine running - and my place on the batting roster open until we meet again.""

Dan Fehr - September 04 at 10:30 AM



“ Jim I served with you in the 1133rd Trans Company in Mason City, Korea and Desert Storm. Another good man gone way too soon. Rest In Peace brother.

Gary Loftis - September 03 at 10:42 PM



“ Jim, Thank you for Your Service and thank you for being a good friend. I'll miss you at work as I know your family will miss everyday. Your work here on earth is done; Rest In Peace my friend!

Dennis Bengtson - September 03 at 09:11 PM



“ Rhonda, so sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.
George & Carolyn Goeders



Carolyn Goeders - September 03 at 07:38 PM



“ Rhonda , I'm so very sorry to hear Jim last away . Prayers for you and the kids



maggie adams - September 03 at 06:16 PM



“ RIP Jim, Drive that 915 we had over in the big sand box up the highway to heaven.
“Semper Fi” my fellow MARINE. Cya when I Cya. Orville Anderson USMC / IANG

Orville Anderson - September 03 at 05:45 PM